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of physical examination of said patient, and a medical decision-making process of a physician treating said patient, referred to as key elements of said clinical status code, (ii) a time influence factor determined as a function of a service time defined as one or more of (1) an amount of unit floor time or face-to-face time spent by said physician in connection with an encounter with said patient, or (2) an amount of time spent by said physician in counseling or coordination of care for said patient,

said device comprising:

- (a) means for prompting the physician to select a service type, referred to as a selected service type;
- (b) means for prompting the physician to select, for each respective key element of said clinical status

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code, one of a plurality of allowable levels for said respective key element, referred to as a selected level;

- (c) means for prompting the physician to enter an amount of service time if said selected service type is associated with a time influence factor;
- (d) means for determining said clinical status code as a function of (I) said selected service type, (ii) said levels and said medical decision-making process, and (iii) if the physician entered an amount of service time, said amount of service time; and
- (e) means for transmitting the determined clinical status code to a computer that includes means for generating a payment request.

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